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It cannot yet be stated whether the production quota for the 1955 National Economic Plan can be fulfilled or not. The initial difficulties, recurring during the first weeks of each year, made themselves particularly felt this year due to the great shortage of materials. The shortage of nonferrous material will be the first cause of considerable cuts in the plan. A monthly supply of 20 tons of copper for the manufacture of electromotors and generators is needed by VEB Galvanotechnik Leipzig, to assure its production program for HV Schiffbau (Main Shipping Administration). However, since the monthly allotment is only 13 tons for the time being, and there seems to be no hope of increasing this amount, it seems to be quite impossible to fill the shipbuilding program. No details on the proposed curtailments of the plan are yet available.

The situation concerning the production quota cannot be clarified until the statistics for the first three months of 1955 are available.

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